

MINUTES OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES CONTINUANCE COMMITTEE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23rd 1970

PRESENT: W. Akin, S. Alvi, R. Coyte, H. Habib (Chairman), S. Hlophe,
J. Kieran, M. Muharuma, J. Mwasa, J. Rowell.

It was announced by the Chairman that Professors Akin (Acting Chairman of History), Alvi (Chairman of Economics), Coyte (Chairman of Political Science) Kieran (Chairman of Interdisciplinary Studies) and Hlophe (Department of Sociology) had been appointed to the committee by Father Breen, Dean of Arts, and that Dr. Habib was asked to chair the committee.

The Chairman asked Mr. Muharuma, President of the African Students' Association and a representative from the L.M.S.A. to join the committee. Mr. Rowell represented Mr. Lutfy.

1. The Chairman asked the committee if they felt any other people should be included on the committee.

It was suggested by Professor Akin that a representative from the library be included on the committee since they have a large collection of books and periodicals in this field.

The Chairman stated that he had spoken to the librarian prior to the meeting and has requested a report on the situation. The library received a Canada Council grant to purchase books for the African Centre, but a detailed report will be available for the next meeting. Two years ago this grant was matched by the college funds.

2. The Chairman outlined some of the options open to the Centre:

- a) to continue as is
- b) to amalgamate with Interdisciplinary Studies
- c) to abolish the Centre completely
- d) to have each course under separate departments

3. Background of the Centre of African Studies

In 1964-65 after consultation with Dr. Habib, then Chairman of Political Science, Dr. Savage proposed one course in African Government be offered. Miss Banfield was hired to teach this one course in Political Science and two in History with her total salary on the History budget.

1965-66 Dr. Savage taught one course in African History and Dr. Kunz from McGill was asked to teach one course on African Government - all of which was paid from a special fund.

1966-67 - a more permanent arrangement was sought. Professor Porter was hired to teach one course for Political Science and one course for History. He taught only two courses enabling him to complete his Ph.D. Professor Porter's salary came from the History budget during this year.

1967-68 - Professor Porter's salary was paid from a new African Studies budget.

4. On December 18th 1967 Senate agreed to pass the following motion:

6753 Dean Joly moved and Dr. Adams seconded that the following resolutions be accepted:

- (1) The creation of a Centre of African Studies. This department will be primarily concerned with administration and research. The purpose of the department is to focus African Studies at Loyola and to rationalize its administration.
- (2) The Centre of African Studies will administer the African Programme at Loyola and its Chairman will report to the Dean of Arts and the Arts Faculty Council.
- (3) The Centre of African Studies will have the same rights and duties as academic departments in hiring of faculty but will exercise its rights and duties in conjunction with interested departments. Africanist appointments in the departments will be considered as additional to the normal expansion plans of the interested department.
- (4) Faculty in the Department of African Studies will normally be cross-appointed to other departments, with the approval of both Chairmen involved.
- (5) The Centre of African Studies will be charged the full salary of the Faculty members cross-appointed unless the departments concerned wish to hire such Faculty to lecture in non-African courses.
- (6) The Centre of African Studies will not offer a major or honours programme but may offer courses for credit which do not fit into the regular departmental structure, subject to the approval of the appropriate college authorities.
- (7) That the Senate authorize the Centre of African Studies to negotiate with the University of Montreal, with the Centre for Developing Areas at McGill, and with Sir George Williams University, for the creation of a Montreal Centre for African Studies.

It was explained that basically this was a matter of organization and that the resolutions would allow the African Studies Programme to continue on the same terms as it has been but with a better administrative setup. Also, that the Senate was not being asked to pass judgment on budgetary requests, but only to vote on the seven resolutions presented.

Discussion..... that as it stands, one must be in favour of all seven resolutions in order to support the motion.... that the Senators should have received the brief prepared by Dr. Savage and Prof. Porter.

Dean Joly moved and Fr. O'Connor seconded that the Nominating Committee appoint an ad hoc Committee to examine the establishment of a Centre of African Studies and to report to Senate at the next meeting.

Motion carried.

5. Dr. Alvi, who served on the Senate committee for terms of reference had the following to say: the committee was concerned with the term "Centre" since there was to be no major or honours programme in African Studies. Cross appointments were confused as to whom they were responsible. Their mission was strictly either to destroy or accept the "Centre" so in fact it was "fait accompli".

An AD HOC committee of three was established consisting of Father MacGuigan former Dean of Arts, Dr. Hinners and Dr. Alvi for submission to Senate. The question of budget was never discussed. Senate accepted the guidelines and the President set up a special fund for the Centre. The cross-appointment of Professor Porter was agreed to be negotiated each year between Political Science and the "Centre".

6. The following courses were given in History in conjunction with African Studies:

1967-68 - (209) Introduction to the History of Africa - Savage & Porter
(304) Nationalism in Africa - Savage & Porter
(400-5) Honours History Tutorial

1968-69 (209) Introduction to the History of Africa - Savage
(304) not offered
(400-5) Honours History Tutorial

1969-70 (104) Africa in the 20th Century (CEGEP) - Savage - 28 students
(209) Introduction to the History of Africa (Univ) - Savage - 36 students
(304) Nationalism in Africa - Savage - 6 students

1970-71 (209) Introduction to the History of Africa - Lunga
Honours History Essays (4th year) - 6 students

7. The following courses were given in Political Science in conjunction with African Studies:

1967-68 (325) African Government & Politics - 5 students

1968-69 (325) African Government & Politics - 10 students

1969-70 (750) African Government & Politics - 15 students

1970-71 (750) African Government & Politics - Kunz (from McGill)

8. Professor Hlophe of the Department of Sociology told the committee that no Sociology courses were offered dealing with Africa.

9. Dr. Kieran, Chairman of Interdisciplinary Studies, said that one course offered in his department dealt with Africa. The Theology Department has approached Dr. Kieran about the possibility of one course being offered in the development of Religion in Africa.

10. Dr. Alvi, Chairman of Economics, felt that a course in African Economics might not be economically feasible, depending on who many students are interested in this field.

11. Majors and Honours - The library collection is as large as for most departments, and it was felt that this was a sound basis on which to form a department with Majors and Honours. Faculty would be required either by cross-appointment or new full-time from outside. With the curtail of expenses within the College, we could not afford to hire three or four new professors.
12. Interdisciplinary approach was explored. Courses should be offered in Sociology, Economics, Political Science and History to have a complete centre. If each department handles the courses individually it is felt that the Centre would be split and have no coordination.
13. The opinion was expressed that the Centre should be designed for Canadians with an interest in Africa, not Africans to come to Canada to learn about their own home. There are several good African Studies Centres in Africa.
14. Canadian External Aid was one possibility for obtaining the necessary funds to continue the Centre. It was pointed out though, that this Aid is usually offered to universities with graduate studies.
15. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 25th, in Room A-127, at 3 p.m.

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